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May 05, 2010

#### CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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John Spencer  
Simplot Phosphate, LLC  
9401 North Highway 191  
Vernal, Utah 84078-7802

Subject: Escalation of Reclamation Surety, Simplot Phosphate, Vernal Phosphate Operation, M/047/0007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The last surety adjustment for the Vernal Phosphate mine was done in 2007 when the bond was increased to \$4,829,000 in 2010 dollars. The surety amount needs to be adjusted again to account for changes in reclamation costs.

The Division is attempting to standardize reclamation surety calculations, and we request that you use a spreadsheet that you should have received by electronic mail. If you have questions about the spreadsheet or did not receive it, please contact Wayne Western at 801-538-5263.

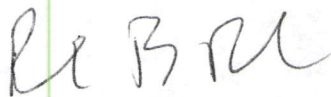
If there are reclaimed areas that are eligible for release, either partial or full, this would be a good time to have them inspected for release. If you decide to apply for release, please contact the lead inspector Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257. The Division would need to continue to hold adequate surety for the reclaimed area while vegetation is becoming established.

Once the new surety amount has been calculated, please contact the minerals program bond coordinator, Penny Berry, at 801-538-5291 or by e mail at [bondcoordinator@utah.gov](mailto:bondcoordinator@utah.gov) for information about submitting the additional bond.

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Thank you for your help in keeping the surety current. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Leslie Heppler at the number listed above or me at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. B. Baker".

Paul B. Baker  
Mining Program Manager

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cc: [Stan\\_Perkes@blm.gov](mailto:Stan_Perkes@blm.gov)

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